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LANGUAGE

1. G-8 TRADE GROUP DISCUSSIONS APRIL 27-28 REVEALED
CONSENSUS OF GROUP, EXCEPT FOR U.S., FAVORING SOME
VERSION OF G-19 COMPROMISE FORMULATION IN PARA 12 C OF
BRACKETED TRADE PAPER WHEREBY G-8 WOULD AGREE TO MAKE
A "MAJOR EFFORT" TO EXPAND GSP PRODUCT COVERAGE, REDUCE
RESTRICTIVE STIPULATIONS AND DEEPEN TARIFF CUTS. BOTH
EC AND SWEDEN CAN ACCEPT G-19 LANGUAGE WHILE
CANADA, AUSTRALIA COULD ACCEPT IF SOME WEAKER
ADJECTIVE THAN "MAJOR" WERE USED. JAPAN UNINSTRUCTED
BUT WILL PROBABLY SUPPORT ONE OF THESE TWO POSSIBLE
VERSIONS.

2. U.S. DEL EXPLAINED CURRENT USG REVIEW O? GSF AND
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DIFFICULTY OF IMPLICATION FOR U.S. OF COMMITMENT TO
"MAJOR" EFFORT ESPECIALLY TO EXPAND PRODUCT COVERAGE
OR REDUCE "RESTRICTIVE STIPULATION" (E.G.
COMPETITIVE NEED) AT THIS TIME.

3. OTHER G-8 DEL SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL
WHEREBY WORDS "MAKE A MAJOR EFFORT" WOULD BE MOVED TO

OPENING SENTENCE OF PARA 12. THUS PARA 12 WOULD STATE THAT DC'S "SHOULD MAKE A MAJOR EFFORT TO IMPROVE THEIR SCHEMES ALONG FOLLOWING LINES." THESE WOULD INCLUDE ALREADY AGREED G-8 LANGUAGE FROM NOVEMBER FOR 12 (A), (F), (H), (I) AND (J) AS WELL AS WHICH EVER VERSION OF 12 (B) G-8 CAN AGREE TO. (U.S. CAN ACCEPT BOTH WHILE OTHER G-8 STILL CONSIDERING.) PARAS 12 (D), (E) AND (G) WOULD BE DROPPED. NEW PARA 12 (C) WOULD RETAIN G-19 COMPROMISE LANGUAGE WITHOUT "MAKE A MAJOR EFFORT" AND THUS READ AS FOLLOWS: "IMPROVE THE APPLICATION OF THE SYSTEM OF GENERALIZED PREFERENCES BY EXPANDING PRODUCT COVERAGE, REDUCING RESTRICTIVE STIPULATIONS AND DEEPENING TARRIFF CUTS, IN THE SPIRIT OF AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF UNCTAD RESOLUTION 96 (IV)."

4. G-8 DRAFTERS ALSO PROPOSED THAT LANGUAGE ON 12 (F) BE AS FOLLOWS "IMPROVE, SIMPLIFY AND HARMONIZE THE RULES OF ORIGIN TO THE BENEFIT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (ALREADY AGREED) AND GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO APPROPRIATE FORMS OF CUMULATIVE ORIGIN TREATMENT IN THEIR SCHEMES" (NEW LANGUAGE).

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5. COMMENT: OTHER G-8 DELS STRONGLY FAVOR SOME POSITIVE RESPONSE TO COMPROMISE PUT FORWARD BY INDIAN DEL IN NOVEMBER. SOME DELS SEE ADVANTAGE IN MOVING "MAJOR EFFORT" LANGUAGE TO OVERALL CHAPEAU THUS GIVING G-8 WIDER RANGE OF WAYS IN WHICH TO IMPROVE RESPECTIVE SCHEMES. OTHERS THINK INDIAN DEL MAY VIEW THIS AS WEAKENING ORIGINAL PROPOSAL FOCUSING ON PRODUCT COVERAGE AND TREATMENT. ALL AGREED THAT SUCH PROPOSAL WOULD AT LEAST SIGNAL G-8 WILLINGNESS TO TRY TO MEET G-19 PART WAY.

6. U.S. DEL SEES ADVANTAGE FOR USG IN NEW PROPOSAL INASMUCH AS CURRENT GSP REVIEW CAN BE CALLED A "MAJOR EFFORT" BEING UNDERTAKEN TO IMPROVE OUR SCHEME IN WHATEVER AREAS APPEAR MOST PROMISING. DISADVANTAGE IS IMPLICATION WE WILL MAKE MAJOR EFFORT TO IMPROVE IN ALL AREAS LISTED.
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7. IF USG CANNOT AUTHORIZE U.S. DEL CONCURRENCE IN NEW PROPOSAL WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND WE BE AUTHORIZED TO AGREE TO INDIAN COMPROMISE LANGUAGE IN 12 (C) OR TO PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE "MAKE EVERY EFFORT." IN ABSENCE ANY AUTHORIZATION TO MOVE ON THIS SUBJECT U.S. DEL WILL BE ISOLATED IN G-8 AS ONLY DEL NOT WILLING TO MOVE FROM NOVEMBER POSITION ON GSF IMPROVEMENT. NEED INSTRUCTIONS BY OPENING OF BUSINESS MONDAY, MAY 2.
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